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Yes

12. Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response and name available but not my address

14. We will share your responses internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

15. It would be helpful for our analysis if you could indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with the purpose of this consultation (please tick one)

Member of the general public

17. Consultation Question 1: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses compromise respect for the animals concerned? Why?

Yes

18. Comments

Animals intended for the wild should not be exploited and put unnaturally on show for our 'amusement'. It is abuse for a number of reasons not least the means to obtaining said wild animals. And please do not overlook the torturous process of breaking an animals spirit (whether captured, orphaned or born into captivity) in order for it to become submissive. Imagine the human role reversal...it would be unthinkable to keep a human in such tiny confinement with next to no enrichments and being brought out on display when the curtain raises.

19. Consultation Question 2: Do you believe that the exhibitions and performances required of wild animals in travelling circuses have an adverse impact on the development of respectful and responsible attitudes towards animals in children and young people? Why

Yes

20. Comments

Absolutely. I fail to see what it teaches them other than it is ok to abuse animals. It is not ok to tame wild creatures. Circuses should not be able to pull the wool over innocent children, and adults, eyes. Look behind the scenes, it is not natural and no circus can replicate the surroundings which wild animals need.

21. Consultation Question 3: Do you consider that concerns relating to respect for animals could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

22. Comments

Respect to these animals is to let them live as close a life to freedom as possible and not least this will prevent or at least minimise already established stereotypic behaviour linked to stress. Small enclosures, lack of companionship, minimal enrichments, constant travelling and substandard food all contribute to lack of respect for these animals.

23. Consultation Question 4: Do you believe that the ability of none, some, or all wild animals to undertake natural behaviours are compromised within the travelling circus environment? Which species? Which needs? Why?

All

24. Comments

Confinement in no way leads to an animal being able to act naturally.

25. Consultation Question 5: Do you consider that it is possible to facilitate the natural behaviour of none, some, or all wild animals within the travelling circus environment? Which species? How?

None

26. Comments

See above.

27. Consultation Question 6: Do you consider that the concerns raised surrounding the travelling environment could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses? How?

No

28. Comments

See comment 3

29. Consultation Question 7: Do you consider that there are any benefits to be gained from having wild animals in travelling circuses? What are they?

No

30. Comments

It is no longer the only way to see a 'wild animal'. There are now opportunities to travel and see wild animals in their true natural environment which wasn't available to all when circuses first arose. It is simply dated.

31. Consultation Question 8: Do you believe that there are sufficient benefits to justify the potential compromise to the wider well-being of wild animals kept in the travelling circus? Why?

No

32. Comments

I can think of absolutely no benefit.

33. Consultation Question 9: Do you consider that the potential conflict between compromising the well-being of wild animals and obtaining any benefit could be resolved without banning the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. If so how?

No

36. Number in last 5 years

See below

37. Number in last 12 months

At least 2-3 per year - the usual travelling circuses

40. Consultation Question 11: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals would have on the revenue of such circuses? Why?

Don't know

41. Comments

Revenue shouldn't come into this. Animals are not rightfully ours to exploit.

42. Consultation Question 12: If a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals was imposed, do you think that such circuses would still visit Scotland without the wild animals? Why?

Yes

43. Comments

Circus performers have other skills without relying on animal attractions.

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44. Consultation Question 13: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of other types of circuses (e.g. static or those travelling without wild animals)? Why?

Don't know

46. Consultation Question 14: What effect do you think a ban on the use and exhibition of wild animals in travelling circuses would have on the revenue of circus venues? Why?

Don't know

49. Consultation Question 15: Do you consider that a ban on wild animals in travelling circuses could have an impact on other industries? If so, which industries, what would be the effect and why?

Film

Positive impact

TV - drama

Positive impact

TV - documentary

Positive impact

TV - childrens

Positive impact

Advertising - TV

Positive impact

Advertising - other

Positive impact

49. Comments

Peoples perceptions towards animal captivity and training methods are changing. The rose tinted glasses are becoming more transparent!

50. Consultation Question 16: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for performance in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

51. Comments

For all reasons and comments previously stated.

52. Consultation Question 17: Do you agree that the use of wild animals for exhibition in travelling circuses should be banned in Scotland? Why?

Yes

53. Comments

For all reasons and comments previously stated.

54. Consultation Question 18: Do you consider that any ban should be a blanket ban on all wild animals in travelling circuses? Why?

Yes

55. Comments

It makes no sense and sends a mixed message if only one or two bans are imposed.

56. Consultation Question 19: Do you consider that any specific species of animal not commonly domesticated in the British Islands should be permitted to be used in travelling circuses in Scotland? If so, which species and why?

No

58. Consultation Question 20: Do you consider that there are key species that should be covered by a ban in the event that a blanket ban could not be achieved? If so, which species and why?

No

59. Comments

How do you separate them out? It makes no difference whether big or small, young or old, herbivore or carnivore, solitary or pack animals, they all have individual needs. Consider specific habitat environments, food, nutrients, companionship, exercise, etc.

60. Consultation Question 21: Do you have any other comments on whether/how the use of wild animals in travelling circuses should be banned from Scotland?

Yes

61. Comments

Use any such ban to positively educate children. The next generation is key to the preservation of some of our animal Kingdom on the brink.

62. Consultation Question 22: Do you consider that the consultation paper explained the key issues sufficiently for you to properly consider your responses?

Yes

64. Consultation Question 23: Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

Yes

66. Consultation Question 24: Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

No

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